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Mr. James H. Davis, Ph.D., Chief
Surface Water Quality Bureau
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Dear Mr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the final TMDL document "*Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Residual Chlorine and Stream Bottom Deposits on the Santa Fe River*" submitted by the New Mexico Environment Department. We are pleased to approve the TMDLs for total residual chlorine and stream bottom deposits as updates to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs listed above meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Hathaway".

William B. Hathaway
Director
Water Quality Protection Division

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